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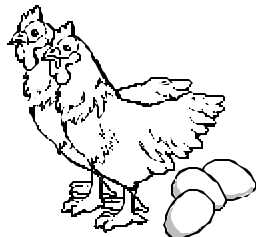
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Early week prices were higher on mediums in some areas and unchanged on the balance. As the week progressed prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand ranged light to instances good, best for feature activity. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Central States breaking stock nest run and checks and undergrades prices were higher. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate. Most breakers were paying high side of the current range for additional nest runs with excess gradeable shell eggs going into breaker channels. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks mostly adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady. Demand for the light type fowl was mostly moderate to instances good with offerings fully adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	91-93	80-82	68-70
New York	54-58	52-56	48-52
Philadelphia	52-56	51-54	46-50
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	44-48	42-45	37.5-41
Jackson (1)	51-53	48-50	42-44
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	53-63	50-60	45-56
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	45-49	43-47	38-42
Detroit (2)	41-46	40-45	38-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	43-47	42-45	36-40
Major Wisconsin Cities	44-51	43-49	38-43
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	63-73	60-68	56-65
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	81	76	71

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Apr-02
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	55.63	53.76	48.81
SOUTHERN	52.64	49.78	43.49
MIDWEST	45.71	44.12	39.49
WESTERN	73.06	68.99	63.78
TWELVE METRO AREAS	59.37	56.68	51.63

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	04-23-02	04-16-02	04-24-01
Large	24-27	24-27	34-36
Medium	19-23	19-23	21-23

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 22, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.4	14.7	9.3	11.0	10.5	54.9
	Change	-1.9	-2.9	-0.2	-1.6	-0.2	-11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.1	46.4	14.5	23.1	26.8	138.9
	Change	5.0	-3.9	3.3	-3.8	1.0	1%
Large	Curr Wk	51.2	119.0	62.4	71.8	82.1	386.5
	Change	13.0	-8.4	-1.4	-6.5	2.6	0%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.7	45.9	19.5	17.2	34.4	131.7
	Change	3.9	8.6	1.5	-1.0	11.5	23%
Small	Curr Wk	3.6	5.0	2.3	4.4	9.8	25.1
	Change	-0.6	-0.1	-2.4	0.9	0.2	-7%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	16.8	6.5	14.2	6.7	48.1
	Change	0.0	-0.4	-1.1	1.1	-0.8	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.3	61.3	31.7	29.9	32.6	170.8
	Change	-2.6	10.2	-7.6	4.6	2.9	5%
Total	Curr Wk	126.2	309.1	146.2	171.6	202.9	956.0
Percent	Change	15%	1%	-5%	-4%	9%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	956.0	2%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	276.0	2%	38
Total Shell Egg	1232.0	2%	211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 19-APR-02

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,205,931	28,780	11,641	6,311	3,048	4,264
PW	1,234,974	28,555	12,001	7,092	3,025	4,293
LY	1,190,645	26,773	12,017	6,710	2,424	4,137
% PW	-2	1	-3	-11	1	-1
% LY	1	7	-3	-6	26	3
2002	18,141,993	419,222	180,272	96,747	42,880	65,569
2001	17,504,798	398,189	177,163	96,234	37,119	63,502
% CHG YTD	4	5	2	1	16	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.29	42.06	41.69
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.75	38.58	38.21

FOUR ADDITIONAL STATES IN WEEKLY PROGRAM

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 13	Apr 20
	Thousand			
AL	*29,432	29,297	*22,191	22,148
AR	30,962	30,175	24,951	23,786
DE	3,545	3,501	4,734	4,769
FL	2,349	2,363	*2,303	2,591
GA	*31,948	32,301	*25,905	25,604
MD	9,710	9,961	5,944	6,612
MS	19,024	18,645	15,423	16,057
NC	18,842	20,269	15,423	15,161
PA	3,835	3,912	2,722	2,781
SC	4,781	4,668	4,143	4,376
TX	15,463	15,461	12,215	12,235
VA	6,504	6,451	5,376	4,990
CA, TN, & WV	11,640	11,177	9,323	9,355
15 State Total	*188,035	188,181	*150,653	150,465
Prev. Year Total	187,312	185,833	150,134	147,931
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	100	102
KY	6,724	6,607	5,144	5,271
OK	6,339	6,592	4,778	4,642
LA & MO	9,227	8,736	8,808	8,773
19 State Total	210,325	210,116	169,383	169,151
Revised				

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 1-Jun-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 162.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.47 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/18/02-04/24/02

CURRENT LDS 98.75 **FUTURE LDS** 67.25 **TOTAL LDS** 166.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	29.80	33.83	32.00	33.00	33.25	34.00	45.50
GNR W 2	—	35.33	33.60	31.00	34.00	29.00	7.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	27.00	29.00	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	33.00	35.00	—	38.00	3.00
GL W XL	—	38.54	36.79	39.23	35.20	—	36.75
GL W LG	—	38.67	34.56	35.64	35.95	—	26.00
GL W MD	—	33.75	36.89	35.83	27.11	—	14.50
GL W SM	23.00	24.50	23.25	24.38	22.00	24.00	6.00
NRBS - 48	—	29.00	27.50	28.50	31.80	28.52	38.50
NRBS - 39	—	—	14.50	—	—	17.00	6.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 20-Apr-02

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.1	19.5	8	8
BOSTON	3.7	3.6	3	-5
CHICAGO	38.6	45.1	-14	7
DETROIT	22.7	24.7	-8	8
KANSAS CITY	2.4	4.1	-41	-47
LOS ANGELES	87.1	85.0	2	9
NEW ORLEANS	13.8	14.2	-3	77
NEW YORK	34.9	31.9	9	18
ST. LOUIS	17.2	23.1	-26	-8
SAN FRANCISCO	20.4	20.2	1	5
TOTAL	261.9	271.4	-4	8
4 WK MVG AVG	292.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 20-Apr-2002

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,936	2,688	80	2	4,706
AVG WT	16.21	35.85	24.06	39.32	27.57
LAST WEEK	2,036	2,764	27	2	4,829
SAME WK YR AGO	1,806	2,572	38	14	4,430
AVG WT	16.24	35.21	22.04	30.91	27.34
TO-DATE/2002	28,101	41,514	663	114	70,392
TO-DATE/2001	31,073	41,949	606	249	73,877

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 20-Apr-2002

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED		AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
N EAST	884	3	22.86	(A)	885	22.86
SATL	831	8	29.01	(A)	832	29.01
N CENT	2,095	-9	31.04	(A)	2,095	31.04
S CENT	482	3	22.83	(A)	482	22.83
WEST	412	-3	22.60	(A)	412	22.60
U.S. TOTAL	4,704 (B)	-3	27.57	2	4,706	27.57
TO-DATE						
2002	70,278 (B)			114	70,392	
TO-DATE						
2001	73,628 (B)			249	73,877	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 80,000 for the year 663,000; last year to date 606,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 20-Apr-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	158,640	1,910	1,417	3,327	449
AVG WT	5.16	3.39	7.95	5.33	6.71
LAST WEEK	157,463	1,927	1,327	3,254	405
SAME WK YR AGO	151,270	1,706	1,410	3,116	583
AVG WT	5.11	3.54	7.90	5.51	6.78
TO-DATE/2002	2,445,523	29,139	20,765	49,904	7,000
TO-DATE/2001	2,393,871	29,714	21,015	50,729	8,018

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.6 million head or 0.1 million head more than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Apr-02

	CURRENT WEEK 04/27/02(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/20/02
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	163,366(2)	161,940
LT HENS	2,083	2,078
HVY HENS	1,416	1,466
TOTAL	166,865	165,484

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Apr-02 is 160.5 million head compared to 158.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.7 million head or 3.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 04-May-02 the estimated available is 159.6 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
MARCH			
16	155.1	155.6	100%
23	153.5	154.3	99%
30	147.9	155.9	95%
6	154.4	157.9	98%
APRIL			
13	159.4	159.3	100%
20	160.6	160.5	100%
YEAR TO DATE	2475.4	2493.0	99%
APRIL	27	160.5	
MAY	4	159.6	

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 04/22/02-04/27/02

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	42.00-45.00	44.88	42	46.93	78
Los Angeles	67.00	63.97	76	61.75	197
New York	44.00-46.00	45.86	21	46.63	42

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
22-Apr-02	15-Apr-02	15-Apr-02	23-Apr-01	
53.09	-1.00	54.09	58.95	
NUMBER OF LOADS	638			

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	55-56	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	54-55	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	55-56	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 22-Apr-02	1,806	179,815	75,965
AM 1-Apr-02	1,480	164,226	77,627
CHG	326	15589	-1662
PCT CHG	22	9	-2

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of **04/22/02**

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
HEAVY TYPE			
Southeast (1)	5-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.63
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	5.5-12 CENTS/LB.	7-9	8.92
LIGHT TYPE			

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. **04/19/02**

Eastern (1)	0-0
Eastern (2)	0-0
So. Central (2)	TFEWR*
No. Central (1)	TFEWR*
No. Central (2)	0

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

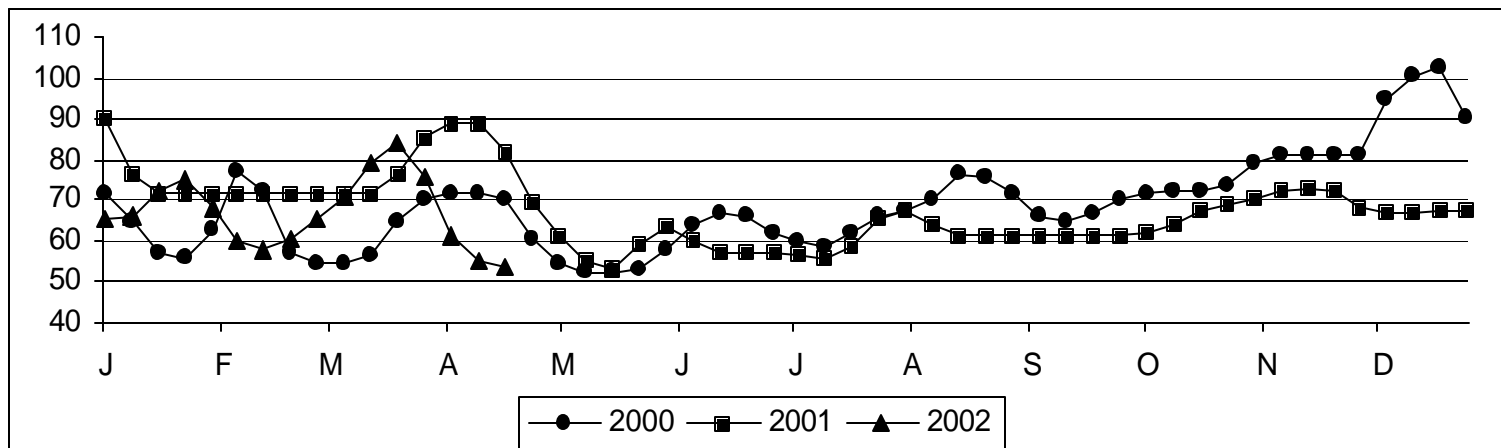
*TFEWR - Too Few to Report

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 20-Apr-02
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

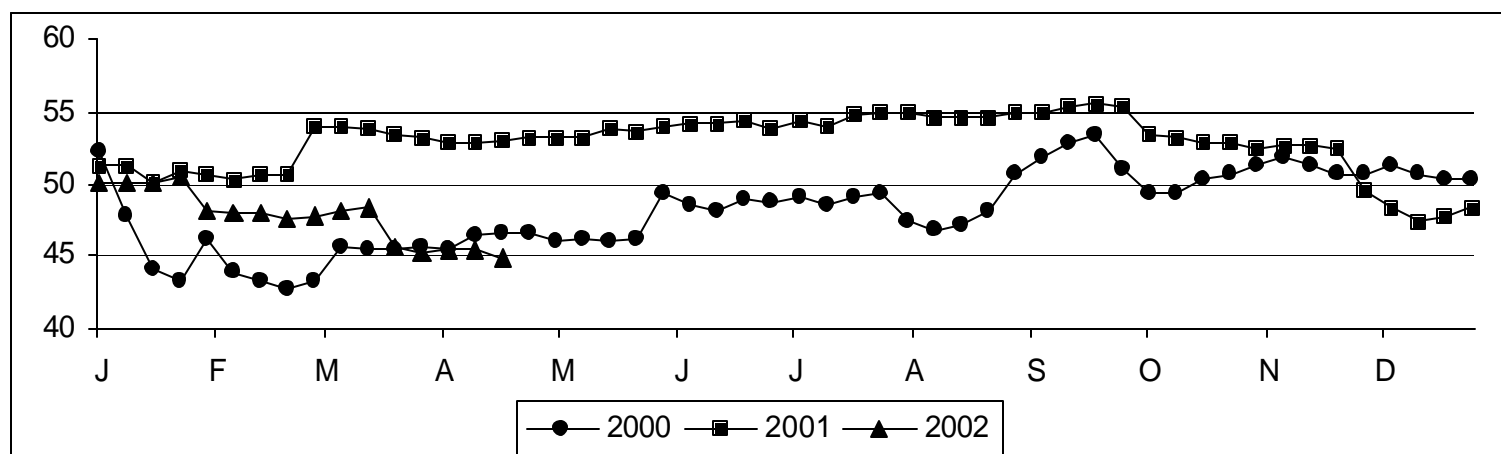
REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	225.6	-1	3
E.N. CENTRAL	551.3	10	15
W.N. CENTRAL	285.4	6	5
S. ATLANTIC	178.3	4	-5
S. CENTRAL	78.8	-1	2
WEST	194.9	9	5
TOTAL	1514.3	6	7
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		89	88

New York Large Weekly Average Price

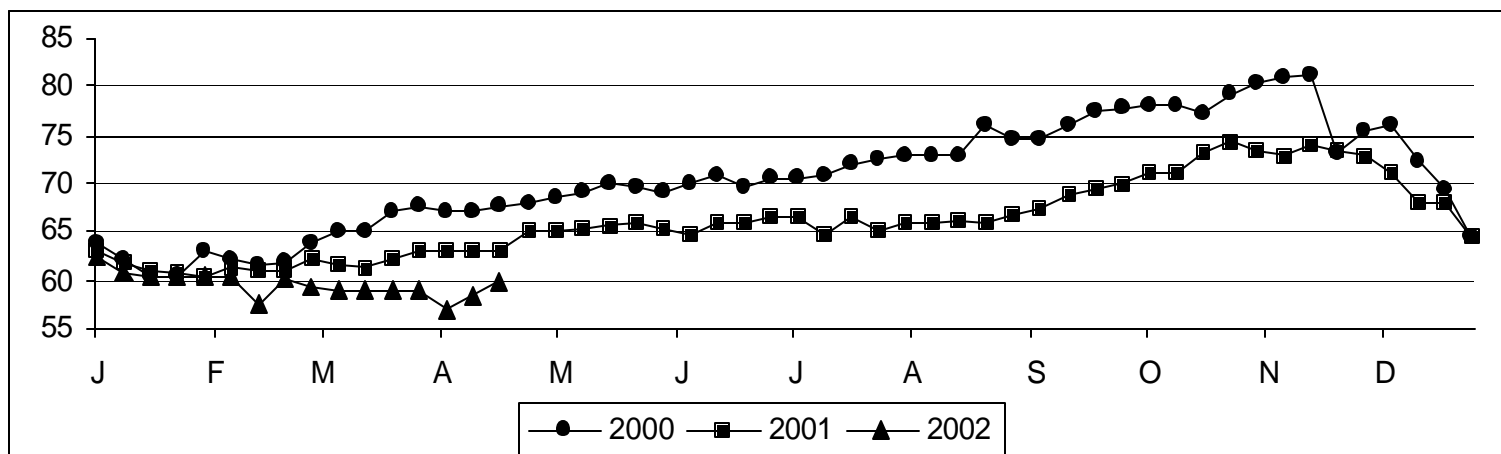
Cents per Dozen

**Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices**

Cents per Pound

**Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys**

Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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